

## EDITORIAL

THE outbreak of war, with its resultant disturbance of normal routine, has effected great alterations in the lives and work of many medical practitioners. Duties in the fighting services or in the Emergency Medical Service in this country have created conditions under which the production of articles for medical journals is likely to become very difficult.

In many cases articles already commenced when war broke out must remain uncompleted for an indefinite period, and we can only hope that new work will gradually become available when the medical services of this country have got to grips with the many new problems which war conditions will provide.

Great difficulties face medical societies in framing their plans for their customary meetings, and the Medical Society for the Study of Venereal Diseases, which provided many of the articles appearing in this Journal, is no exception ; as may have been expected, it has been found necessary for it to suspend for the time being its winter programme of meetings, and thus a great source of our material has become seriously reduced.

In such circumstances it will be clear to all that the *British Journal of Venereal Diseases* cannot be maintained in its customary form, but it is hoped that subscribers, understanding the difficulties of the Editors and the Editorial Committee, will give them all the help they can,

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both by maintaining their subscriptions and by contributing articles on matters of interest.

In this connection we would suggest that papers on difficulties in the treatment of venereal diseases in diagnosis, in tests of cure and in general management of patients under war conditions would probably prove helpful to many of our readers.

In case any would-be contributor is deterred from writing by being separated from the literature on his subject, the Editors will be glad to help, so far as their own circumstances permit, by obtaining pertinent references.